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Subject: Forte transcripts

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Ms. Purdy,

Under public records law, I am requesting the full transcripts of Leonard Forte's 1988 trial.

I previously made this request in 2020 and was denied due to your contention that the release of the transcripts could interfere with Forte's upcoming trial, and also constitute an invasion of personal privacy. (See attached denial.)

Forte is now deceased. And to deny public access to a transcript of public court proceedings would be inappropriate. It's a judge's role to seal a courtroom and its proceedings, including to protect the privacy of witnesses. That is not the role of the attorney general's office. If this request is denied this time, I assure you I will appeal.

Best,

Gus Garcia-Roberts